(c) SRFTI is constantly in the process of upgrading its curriculum and infrastructure and has proposed two new Courses on Production Management and Animation and Electronic Imaging during the 11th Five Year Plan period.

Construction of Akashwani Kendra at Pithoragarh

†950. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the building of Akashwani Kendra has been constructed in Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand);

(b) if so, when the construction work has started and when that building has been constructed;

(c) whether the broadcasting work has been started by the Akashwani Kendra at Pithoragarh; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The expenditure sanction for the construction of building for AIR Pithoragarh was accorded in November, 1991 and building was ready for installation work in August, 1994.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Content code proposed by Government

951. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether broadcasters and other stakeholders have submitted their views on the Content Code proposed by Government;

(b) if so, the details of view given by various broadcasters and stakeholders;

(c) whether it is a fact that a meeting was held in the first week of September, 2007, with the broadcasters in connection with the proposed Content Code; and

(d) if so, the details of the outcome of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Broadcasters and Stakeholders have submitted their views on the latest formulation of the draft Self-Regulation Guidelines and Certification Rules proposed by the Committee formed by the Government. Views both for and against the formulation have been aired which are mainly as follows:

Industry's concerns :

* Totally reject the Code in concept and principle. Support formulation of their own self regulation guidelines within one year.

* Opposed to provision of Content Auditor as this is in fact the role of Editor. Immediacy of 24 hrs. live television makes this an unpractual idea.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.